

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Kindly amend the specification as follows :

At page 1, delete the paragraph starting at line 2, namely

This application is a continuation application of US Serial No. 09/678,303 filed on October 3, 2000.

At page 5, replace the paragraph starting at line 1 by :

and was used for further constructs. SEQ ID NO:2 and SEQ ID NO:3, two and deletion fragments of SEQ ID NO:1, were operably fused at the 5'terminus of the GUS reporter gene in pBI201 by PCR ligation, and resulting constructs were used for transitory expression studies using DNA bombardment or subcloned into a binary plant expression vector such as pBI101 (Clontech). These recombinant plasmids were used for stable integration through *A. tumefaciens* infection as described below.